

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 5, as follows:

Furthermore, the ECU 2 according to the second embodiment is structured to Perform rewrite processing to rewrite the data in the flash ROM 20a by copying the rewrite-control program sent from the memory-writing device 4 to the ~~nonvolatile~~ volatile RAM 22 and starting the rewrite-control program, and so the rewrite-control program copied to the RAM 22 is lost when the power to the ECU 2 is interrupted after the operation to rewrite the contents of the flash ROM 20a has been completed. Thus, according to the ECU 2 of the second embodiment, loss or alteration of the correct control program or control data stored in the flash ROM 20a can reliably be prevented even in the event that the CPU 18 executing the program runs uncontrollably after the supply of power to the ECU 2 has been started at an ordinary time to control the engine, because the rewrite-control program for performing rewrite processing is embedded.

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